

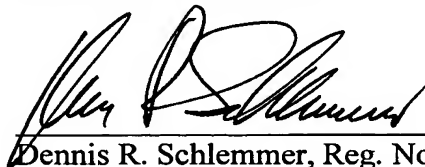
*REMARKS*

The specification and claims have been carefully reviewed in the light of the Office Action to which this amendment is responsive. By this amendment, the claims have been amended to improve their form and to distinguish even more clearly over the prior art. In this regard, it is believed that the claims as now presented all are supported by the original disclosure and satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112.

As will be understood by one skilled in the art, applicant's invention relates to problems in printing machines which have one or more printing or varnishing units than are necessary for a particular printing operation. In such case, heretofore the inactive printing unit which is not involved in the printing operation has been susceptible to smearing or otherwise adversely effecting the printing or varnishing liquid medium applied in the operable printing units. In the present invention, the inactive printing unit has a printing cylinder which is moveable to a print-off position and is provided with a liquid repellant surface which enables the transfer of sheets past the printing cylinder of the inactive printing unit without smearing of liquid medium (whether printing ink or varnish) previously applied to the printing material in active printing units.

Since the claims as now presented all are believed to patentably distinguish over the art, an early action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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